financial progress on this project is 76% and Rs. 17.25 crores respectively. The year-wise progress achieved on this bypass upto 31-3-2003 is as follows :

Year	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	Total
Physical progress (%)	4	3	16	30	17	6	76

(c) Completion of the project has been delayed due to delay in land acquisition by the State Govt.

Pollution Check

5089. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the existing system of pollution check is not fool-proof;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) (B.C. KHANDURI) : (a) to (c) Under Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the norms for Pollution Control Checks and the periodicity for such checks have been prescribed. Enforcement of these provisions is the responsibility of the transport authorities of respective States/ UTs. Prescription of tighter norms and inclusion of more number of pollutants under the check is an on going process duly taking into account the constantly improving motor vehicle technology, availability of duly certified emission measurement equipment as also the availability of required infrastructure in PUC certification centres.

Link with National Highways in Karnataka

5090. DR. VIJAY MALLYA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of National Highways passing through Karnataka;

(b) the number of districts that are served by these National Highways;

(c) whether Government propose to link the remaining districts of the State of Karnataka to the National Highways; and